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IMMUNE RESPONSE IN ANIMALS

AMENDMENT & RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action mailed September 14, 2001 and the Advisory Action mailed January 28, 2002.

This response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a three-month extension of the period for responding to the Office action, thereby moving the deadline for response from December 14, 2001 to March 14, 2002.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims

Please substitute the claim set attached hereto entitled "Clean Version of Pending Claims" for the previously pending claim set. The specific amendments to individual claims are detailed in the following marked up set of claims.

Please cancel claims 2, 12 and 14 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Five times amended) A process for enhancing immune response of a companion animal consisting of a dog or cat, said process comprising the step of feeding said animal in need of such treatment a diet containing an effective immune enhancing amount of lutein, wherein the diet contains from about 1 to about 50 mg/day of lutein for a time sufficient for said lutein to be absorbed by said animal.

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